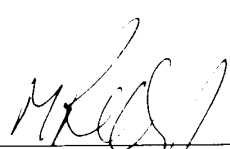


## REMARKS

The Office Action indicates that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121: I. Claims 1 – 9, drawn to a device for cleaning an ear of corn, the corn including at least one of shuck and silk, classified in class 99, subclass 568; and II. Claims 10 – 17, drawn to a method for cleaning an ear of corn encased in shuck and silk, classified in class 426, subclass 482. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute the subject matter of claims 1 – 9, without traverse.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to present the non-elected claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequent to the present application. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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